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Serial No.: 09/721,096	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: 1743
Filing Date: November 22, 2000	)	
	)	Confirmation No. 4217
For: Removal Of Embedding Media	)	
From Biological Samples and Cell Conditioning	)	
on Automated Staining Instruments	)	

**REPLY TO THE APRIL 16, 2003 OFFICIAL ACTION**

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a Reply to the April 16, 2003 Official Action for the above-captioned U.S. patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Appendix A** which includes a copy of a Terminal Disclaimer follows page 10 of this Reply.